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1. TRANSMITTED HEREWITH ARE OFFICIAL FIGURES FOR THE NUMBER OF ETHNIC GERMANS ARRIVING IN THE FRG FROM FOUR EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1977:
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MONTH POLAND USSR ROMANIA CZECHO TOTAL

AUG. 2,907 978 711 47 4,643 SEP. 2,516 846 870 69 4,301 OCT. 2,783 1,023 732 53 4,591 YR. TO DATE 25,892 7,296 9,896 463 43,547

2. TRANSMITTED ALSO ARE THE NUMBER OF VISAS WHICH WERE ISSUED BY FRG EMBASSIES IN THESE FOUR COUNTRIES. WHILE THIS FIGURE IS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS ARRIVING IN THE FRG MONTHLY (PARA 1), THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO FIGURES GENERALLY REFLECTS THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS WHO HAVE LEFT EASTERN EUROPE USUALLY AS TOURISTS AND HAVE ILLEGALLY (FROM THE EASTERN POINT OF VIEW) STAYED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC:

MONTH POLAND USSR ROMANIA CZECHO TOTAL

AUG. 2,209 1,043 566 40 3,858
SEP. 2,123 878 597 30 3,628
(9/5-10/1)
OCT. 1,144
(10/1-15)

YR. TO DATE 20,721 5,416 8,221 225 35,491

3. POLAND: THE EMIGRATION FIGURES (PARA 2)
ARE A RESULT OF THE FRG-POLISH EMIGRATION AGREEMENT OF
1976. THEY DO NOT, HOWEVER, CORRESPOND TO THE BENCHMARK FIGURE OF 2,500 PER MONTH CALLED FOR BY THIS
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AGREEMENT. THIS HAS AROUSED CONCERN IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF GERMAN-POLISH CONSULTATIONS (REF B).

- 4. USSR-ROMANIA: THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS PLEASED WITH THE RATE OF EMIGRATION FROM BOTH COUNTRIES. THE ROMANIAN FIGURES ARE PARTICULARLY DRAMATIC AND TOTAL EMIGRANTS IN 1977 ARE EXPECTED TO EXCEED THE 1976 FIGURE THREEFOLD.
- 5. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS CONCERNED OVER THE CONTINUED LOW RATE OF EMIGRATION AND THE HARASSMENT (LOSS OF JOBS, BUREAUCRATIC PRESSURES, ETC.) WHICH ACCOMPANIES EXIT PERMIT APPLICATIONS. THE GERMAN RED CROSS ESTIMATES THAT 1-2,000 ETHNIC GERMANS WISH TO LEAVE. STOESSEL

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